

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A method in a mobile wireless communications device (300) including determining a communication time remaining, for example by decrementing (210) a communication time limit for communication time used, and providing a user alert (214) at an output (370) of the device before a total communication time used exceeds the communication time limit. In another embodiment, the communication time remaining is automatically reset (205) periodically to the communication time limit, for example in synchronism with a service provider billing statement. In another embodiment, the communication time remaining is indicated (211), for example visually on a display (320) of the device.